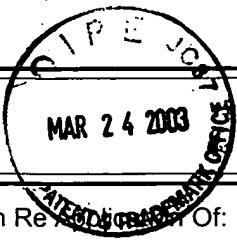


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In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, the Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer.

**REMARKS**

The Applicant is enclosing a Terminal Disclaimer that overcomes the double patenting rejection of the claims. The remaining claims are allowed or in condition for allowance.

The rights in the present application are co-owned with the rights of U.S. Patent 6,386,251 which is owned by Bridgestone/Firestone North American Tire, LLC. The present application was originally assigned to Bridgestone/Firestone Research, Inc. Bridgestone/Firestone Research, Inc. changed its corporate name to Bridgestone/Firestone Research, LLC on November 28, 2001. Bridgestone/Firestone Research, LLC then assigned a group of patent rights including the rights to the above-identified patent application to